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The Hampton Roads Youth Foundation & Knight Solutions Construction present the Fourth Annual Gridiron Legends Tailgate

Event hosted by Newport News, VA Native and Pittsburgh Steelers Head Coach Mike Tomlin and featuring several Gridiron Greats from the Hampton Roads area

Hampton, Virginia – On July 12, join Newport News, VA native and Pittsburgh Steelers Head Coach Mike Tomlin for the HRYF Fourth Annual Gridiron Legends Tailgate Party presented by Knight Solutions Construction. The event will take place from 6:30pm to 9:30pm at the Hampton Roads Convention Center and will welcome some of the biggest names in the NFL from the Hampton Roads area including Indianapolis Colts **Antoine Bethea**, Baltimore Ravens **Tyrod Taylor**, New England Patriot **Jerod Mayo**, Oakland Raider **Darryl Blackstock,** Minnesota Viking **Percy Harvin** and many, many, more.

Come out and celebrate the return of the NFL season with interactive activities, contests, win prizes, autograph signings, games and fun for the entire family. Planned activities include player autographs (as available), football drill stations, 40-yard dash, raffle giveaways and many more for everyone to enjoy.

"We have had a tremendous outpouring of support from the community for this event since its inception so we decided to do it again," said **Vernon Lee, HRYF Vice Chairman**. We are looking forward to the larger venue this year to better accommodate all of the football fans that want to attend. This event helps ensure that our youth football camp remains free of charge for the over 500 campers that attend each year."

There will also be a special performance by Hampton Roads own **"The Fuzz Band"**. They are a dynamic, innovative, and energetic group that performs all over the country. Their upbeat style of hip hop, jazz, R&B, funk and soul should really excite the fans as they tailgate with NFL greats.

"I look forward to coming back to the Hampton Roads area to celebrate another great season of football with our local fans," **said Mike Tomlin, Pittsburgh Steelers, Head Coach.** "This event looks to bring everyone together for a fun time and provide a great fan friendly environment for the Hampton Roads community."

The Fourth Annual Gridiron Legends Tailgate Party is a kick-off to the 16th Annual Hampton Roads All-Star Football Camp, taking place July 13 and 14 at Christopher Newport University. The two-day camp (youth ages 8-14 and selected high school players) feature NFL players and area high school coaches teaching basic offensive and defensive skills. Other elements include a Q & A session with NFL players, nutrition and conditioning presentation, College preparation, dietary supplement and steroid abuse, and the importance of academic excellence.

For more information on the Fourth Annual Gridiron Legends Tailgate Party please contact (757)304-8172 or visit www.hryf.org. Tickets for the event are **$25** (limited advance tickets available), children under 5 are **free**. Please feel free to purchase your tickets in advance by visiting www.eventbrite.com and clicking on 4th Annual Gridiron Legends Tailgate Party.

Follow HRYF on Twitter @hryf757 or join our Facebook Fan Page at www.facebook.com/pages/Hampton-Roads-Youth-Foundation/149520258450966. Watch videos on You Tube at www.youtube.com/hryf.

Other Partners for the Fourth Annual Gridiron Legends Tailgate Party include Walmart Logistics Import Center, Embassy Suites Hampton, 102.1 FM, Hampton City Schools Sports Channel (LSC), and www.virginiapreps.com.

Hampton Roads Youth Foundation

Formed in 1997, the Hampton Roads Youth Foundation (HRYF) was established with the objective of providing educational, social, and economic programs for youth in the Hampton

Roads communities. The HRYF has worked successfully with allies who believe, support, and stand for the same principles on which the organization was founded. From strategic partnerships to tireless volunteer labor, the HRYF has evolved to meet current social changes, while still remaining true to its original mission.

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Hampton Roads Convention Center

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center, is located in the center of the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center and Riverside IMAX ® Theater, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, Fort Monroe, award-winning Hampton Coliseum, The American Theatre, among others.

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